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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James Edward "the Duke" Gorman II of Edwardsville, who passed away on May 2, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Gorman II was born in Chicago to James and Mae Catherine (Jiracek) Gorman on November 9, 1930; he graduated from Fenwick High School in 1948 and earned his Bachelor of Arts from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa in 1952; he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois School of Law in 1955; he was a member of the International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1956; he served with the United States Army Security Agency from 1955 to 1957 and married Beverly Ann Gorman at St. Mary Church in Edwardsville on October 1, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, In 1959, after two years with the Heyl Royster firm in Peoria, James Gorman II moved to Edwardsville and entered into law practice with Burton Bernard; in 1963, he became a partner with Reed, Armstrong and Gorman; he retired in 2002, and joined the firm of Lucco, Brown and Mudge; he retired again in December of 2015; during his 60 year legal career, he tried over 450 jury trials; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Gorman II was a member of the American Bar
2 Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, a former
3 President of the Madison County Bar Association, and a Fellow
4 in the American College of Trial Lawyers; and

5 WHEREAS, James Gorman II's passions included his family,
6 the law, and sailing; he competitively raced his sailboats at
7 Lake Carlyle for four decades; and

8 WHEREAS, James Gorman II was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his sisters, Rosemary Leach and Jean Hughes; and his
10 brothers-in-law, Robert Hughes and Donald Schweinberg; and

11 WHEREAS, James Gorman II is survived by his wife of 55
12 years, Beverly; his three sisters, Marcella Gorman, Virginia
13 Schweinberg, and Patricia (John) Kruger; his three children and
14 four stepchildren, Ann Elizabeth Gorman, James Edward Gorman
15 III, Mary Ellen Gorman, John Gregory Mudge Jr., Stephen Clark
16 Mudge, Robert Matthew Mudge, and William Anthony Mudge; his
17 seven grandchildren, John Ludwig Mudge, Taylor Lee Mudge,
18 Lauren Bond Mudge, Jacob Bond Mudge, Jamie Gorman Skigen,
19 Willem Gorman Skigen, and Maggie Palmer-Gorman; and his
20 brother-in-law, Chuck Leach; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 James Edward "the Duke" Gorman II, and extend our sincere
2 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
3 him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of James Gorman II as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.